

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before the fourth line, insert the following paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/403,124, filed April 1, 2003.

Page 6, first full paragraph (lines 2-9), the marked up paragraph is as follows:

In a first embodiment, the above-mentioned disc is made solid, the gap portion is formed between a rotor axis ~~side~~ side region of the above-mentioned disc and the spacer adjacent to the disc, a rotor peripheral side region of the above-mentioned disc and the spacer adjacent thereto have respective contact surfaces contacting them and the above-mentioned disc has a central side communication flow path leading a fluid to the above-mentioned gap portion.